

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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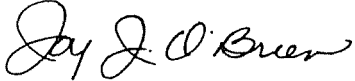
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S.P. 747

In Senate, December 14, 1989

Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 14, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Education and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

  
JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senator BOST of Penobscot, Representative SMALL of Bath and Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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An Act to Amend the Law Concerning Postgraduate Education in the Field of  
Medicine.

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**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11803, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:**

C. The payments shall be payable at 6% simple annual interest in not more than 10 equal annual installments; however, students entering repayment on or after October 1, 1989, may extend the repayment period by one to 10 years, for a total repayment period not to exceed 20 annual installments.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11804-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1985, c. 455, §§4 and 11, is further amended to read:**

B. Upon the conclusion of professional education, including internship, residency, fellowship, obligated public health service and obligated national service, to pay the State an amount of money equal to the difference between the nonresident tuition at the institution being attended by the state contract student and the tuition charged the state contract student.

(1) This amount shall be payable at 9% simple annual interest in not more than 10 annual installments; however, students entering repayment on or after October 1, 1989, may extend the repayment period by one to 10 years, for a total repayment period not to exceed 20 annual installments.

(2) These installment payments shall commence upon conclusion of the state contract student's professional education under rules promulgated by the commissioner.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to ameliorate the financial hardship faced by medical school graduates just beginning their practice. The bill amends the current requirement of a 10-year payment period for state contract students to include language that permits an extension of not more than 10 years to that repayment period.